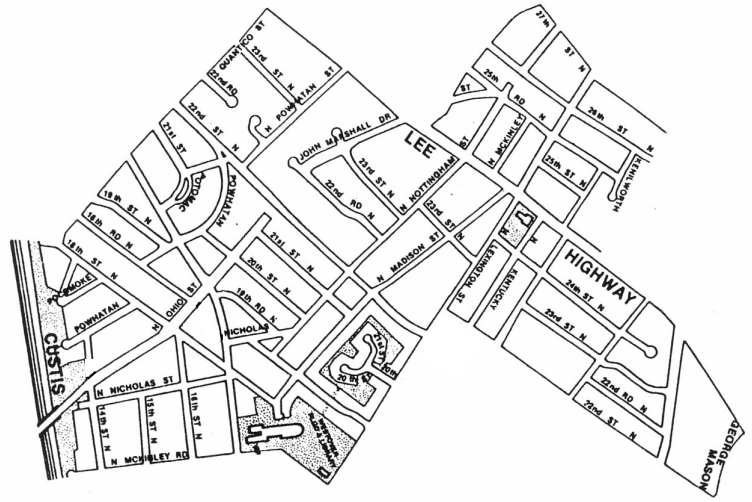


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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2010
7:30 p.m. -- Reed School
1644 N. McKinley Rd.

Reconstruction of Yorktown High School

Featured Speaker

Monika Szczepaniec
Design & Construction
Arlington Public Schools

Refreshments provided

A New Yorktown High: What Will It Offer?

The opening of the new Washington-Lee High School recently generated much enthusiasm within Arlington. Will the new Yorktown High do much the same for our part of the County? What new features are being added for educating our children? How "green" will the building be? Will a new swimming complex be built as well? Ms. Szczepaniec will address all the questions you may have about the new high school facility.

Other business at the meeting:

- ◆ Final approval of the revised Leeway neighborhood conservation plan.
- ◆ Selection of the neighborhood's first priority project for the fall NC funding round. (See page 4, col. 2.)



The 32nd annual Leeway Overlee Community Day and Yard Sale will take place along the John Marshall Drive/Ohio Street greenway on Saturday, June 5th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The community will be out in force to exchange information and greetings, sell unneeded household items, and pick up a few bargains. The civic association plans to arrange live music for the event as in past years.

Over 100 families set up tables for the festivities, which take place along the six-block stretch of the greenway between Lee Highway and Washington Boulevard. Vehicle traffic will be restricted on the affected parts of N. Ohio Street during the greenway activities. Residents who have not sold in the past are encouraged to set up between Lee Highway and N. 22nd Road where it is less crowded. Please show consideration to nearby residents and do not set up before 7:00 a.m. The sale will be advertised in *The Washington Post*.

During the event a civic association representative will come by to collect \$5.00 from each seller to help defray the costs of the newspaper advertisement and the entertainment. Be considerate of neighborhood residents when parking for the yard sale. Ensure that all goods and rubbish are removed from the greenway. Rain date is Saturday, June 12.

Please leave your dogs at home. The civic association has received complaints about situations that arise due to the presence of pets in the crowd.

Make THIS your annual selling event. For more information on the yard sale event, call the Schneiders at 703-533-0748 or the Swenneses at 703-532-6101.

Nominating Committee Seeks Officer Candidates

Bill Ross and Chips Johnson will serve as this year's Nominating Committee to recommend individuals to serve as Leeway Overlee Civic Association officers and to fill other key positions. If you are new to the community—or a long-time resident—and interested in maintaining the quality of life in our neighborhood, consider serving.

The election of officers will be held at the June meeting of the association. A list of officer positions is on this page of the newsletter. At that meeting the community will also select its representatives to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee and delegates to the Arlington County Civic Federation. If interested in any of these positions, please contact Bill (703-237-0357) or Chips (703-532-5831).

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Leeway

Representative:	Rob Swennes	703-532-6101
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Highland Park/Overlee Knolls*

Representative:	Bill Hamilton	703-531-0566
Alternate:		

*The HPOK NC representatives are elected by the HPOK Civic Association.

Arlington County Civic Federation

Delegates:	Ed Robinson, Jerry Auten, Pierre Boyer, Jennifer Michener
Alternates:	Vicki Howard, Carolyn Connell, Rob Swennes, Suzanne Idziak

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LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete this form and mail it with a check for \$5.00 per adult to Karla Brown, 2300 N. Nottingham St., Arlington, VA 22205.

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Thanks for your support!

Newsletter Distribution Coordinator Sought

Amy Appelbaum has served for decades as one of the unsung volunteers who make our civic association work. She would like to train one or more people to take over those duties in the near future. If you are a current distributor of *The Leeway Overlee Leader* or have the time to coordinate this task, please contact Amy at 703-241-8446. She is also always looking for additional newsletter deliverers. If you are a walker in the neighborhood, you are a natural for that task! Give her a call.

East Falls Church Study Under Review by Citizen Task Force

Planning for future development of the East Falls Church area – including redevelopment of the Metro parking lot – is rapidly concluding. A draft East Falls Church Plan has been released by County staff and is currently being reviewed by a citizen task force. In addition to the parking lot, this plan covers a number of sites in the general area to the west of the Metro station, including the Exxon station, the BB&T and Sun Trust banks, the Verizon site, and several sites on the Falls Church side of I-66.

Development of the Metro parking lot remains one of the most critical unresolved matters. The staff draft recommends that the site be developed as a mixed residential-retail project that would be slightly larger than the “Crescent” building currently under construction next to the EconoLodge. This concept would provide a public plaza surrounded by 6-story buildings, which could be enlarged if the developer provides additional public benefits such as affordable housing. It would eliminate all but 50-100 of the existing commuter parking spaces. Some task force members strongly support the

(See **East Falls Church**, p. 4, col. 2)

Time to Sign Up for Annual County Tree Give-Away

Once again Arlington will make available to local residents native-species trees to help restore the green canopy in the County. These trees are for homeowners to plant on their own property. The tree distribution coordinator for Leeway Overlee is Vicki Howard (703-304-4487). Call her and leave your name, address, phone number, and the type of tree desired. That information will be passed on to the County program coordinator. The County will not accept individual requests from local residents.



These small trees are approximately 3–5 feet in height and come in one or two-gallon plastic containers. This year there are four species available: **American Sycamore, Swamp White Oak, River Birch and Sweetbay Magnolia**. The first three grow into large shade trees; the last is a smaller tree with fragrant spring flowers. More information on each species is available on the following page on the County’s web site: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/parksrecreation/scripts/parks/page61495.aspx>. Be sure to select the tree site in your yard based on the size the tree will become, not its size when planted!

Quantities are limited, and requests will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Submit your request by April 28. The trees will be delivered to Ms. Howard in early May. She will call those who have been allocated a tree of the desired species. [Note: This annual tree give-away notice is posted first to Leeway Overlee listserv subscribers. If you are not successful in your tree request, subscribing to that announcement listserv will improve your chances in the future. See the separate listserv notice on page 4.]

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Community Notes

Thanks to Our Neighborhood Snowmen!

The past winter is one we will remember a long time for its major snowfalls. We are particularly grateful for the several neighbors who volunteered through the County to clean key sidewalks in the area with County-provided snow blowers. Soon after the snowfalls the volunteers cleaned a route along N. 22nd Street to the East Falls Church Metro station. That route ultimately extended east to N. Lexington Street and included side paths to several other blocks. Additional volunteers are needed to ensure that after future winter snow storms one or more good pedestrian routes to the Westover shopping area can be freed of snow. To volunteer, contact Rob Swennes at 703-532-6101.

E-CARE: Environmental Collection and Recycling

The County will hold a recycling event on Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School West Parking Lot at 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Bring your household hazardous wastes including lawn and garden chemicals, household cleaners and solvents, auto fluids and motor oil, latex and oil paint, compact and other fluorescent light bulbs. You may also recycle small metal items like pots, pans, tools. **No electronic items will be accepted.** Shoes, child/youth clothing, linens, bikes (\$10 per bike requested), books, eyeglasses and durable medical equipment will be accepted for reuse. For further information, visit www.arlingtonva.us/recycle or call 703-228-6832.

Prioritization of Neighborhood Conservation Projects

Funding of the N. Nottingham Street improvement project (Lee Hwy to N. 22nd St.) is possible this summer. The neighborhood needs to determine what project should be put forward as a candidate for funding in December—presuming that Nottingham receives construction money in the next few months. A year ago the community decided that capital improvements along N. Illinois Street (Lee Hwy to N. 22nd St.) would be its next neighborhood conservation priority. That decision needs to be reaffirmed at the meeting so that the County can be notified this spring.

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recommended parking lot redevelopment.

In addition to the proposed density, details such as building heights and setbacks around the perimeter are still being debated. The current schedule calls for the plan to be adopted by the County Board on July 10. Community forums for public comment on the plan have not yet been scheduled. Several local civic associations (including Leeway Overlee) are seeking a consensus response to the plan. To review the entire draft plan and other documents, visit the project website: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/CPHD/forums/columbia/current/CPHDForumsEastFallsChurch.aspx>. Comments can be submitted to Richard Tucker, Rtucker@arlingtonva.us; Mike Nardolilli, pavonia4@aol.com; Bob Moore, bobmdu69@yahoo.com; and Jerry Auten,

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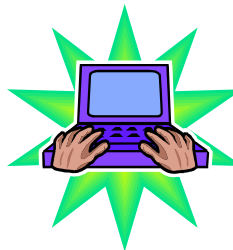


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